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1. AS IS TRUE OF ALL ROMANIAN CITIZENS, EMBASSY FSLE'S ARE NOT PERMITTED TO KEEP PASSPORTS. THEY MUST APPLY EACH TIME THEY WISH TO TRAVEL ABROAD FOR EXIT VISA. THIS PROCESS COSTS ABOUT \$16 AND REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF TWO MONTHS TO GET RESPONSE.
2. COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR MAKING THE JOURNEY MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF APPLICATION.
3. FOR LAST SEVERAL CASES, EMBASSY HAS HAD TO PUSH AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL TO GET CONCURRENCE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FSLE'S TO TRAVEL.
4. TREATMENT BORDERING ON HARASSMENT IS PART OF THE ROUTINE. IN ADDITION TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR INQUIRIES TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEIGHBORS AND RELATIVES OF THE PROSPECTIVE TRAVELER ABOUT CHARACTER AND TRUE MOTIVES FOR TRIP, ONE OF OUR FSLE' APPLICANTS HAS HAD TO PAY DELINQUENT TAXES OF HER PARENTS-IN-LAW BEFORE SHE COULD GET PASSPORT.

5. ONCE PASSPORT HURDLE IS ACCOMPLISHED, OBTAINING

VISA TO COUNTRY TO BE VISITED IS RATHER ROUTINE
PROCESS. ROMANIAN CITIZENS DO NOT NEED VISAS
FOR OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OR AUSTRIA.
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